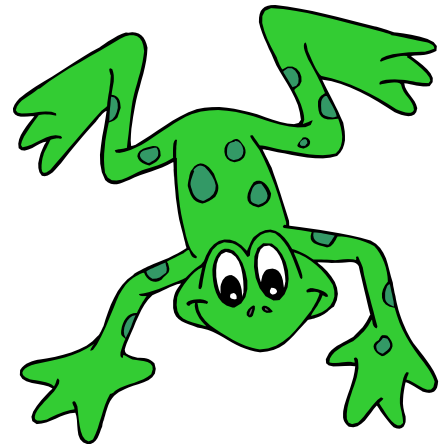


First Grade Leaps Into Learning

September 17, 2010



Reading News

Since school began we have worked on the letters and sounds for **a**, **t**, **c**, **d**, **m**, and **l**. We have also been working on learning to read words in the **at**, **ad** and **am** keys or word families. The sight words or "circle words" that we have been learning are **red**, **my**, **the**, **see**, **we to**, **yellow**, **like**, **blue**, **a**, **I**, **do**, **here**, **orange**, **me**, **you**, **look**, **little**, **I**, **do**, and **here**. We have been working on and using the terms left, right, upper, lower, vertical, and horizontal. Our matrix had six boxes.

Next week we will work on the letters and sounds for **h**, **g**, **s** and **o**. Our keys will be **ag** and **ot**. The sight or "circle" words will be **have**, **green**, **one**, **so**, **as**, **go** and **come**.

Please review the papers that come home throughout the week and refer to this section of the newsletter so that you can help your child at home. If you have not already done so, we urge you to make flashcards out of index cards with the keys and words we have learned to use for review and practice at home.

This is part of a first grader's nightly homework!

Math News

We have been working on **making and interpreting patterns** (Math SOL 1.17) and **sorting and classifying** (Math SOL 1.16). We have also been exploring math materials during a time known as "tubbing".

We continued to work on counting and writing the numbers 0-10 (Math SOL 1.1), making and extending patterns (Math SOL 1.17) and **ordering numbers to 10** (Math SOL 1.1).

Next week we will work on the concepts of **more** and **fewer** (Math SOL 1.15) and **making and interpreting "real-object" graphs, pictographs, and bar graphs** (Math SOL 1.14 and 1.15).

Science or Social Studies News

This week we learned about the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance (Social Studies SOL 1.11). Students are expected to recognize the American flag and understand that citizens say the Pledge of Allegiance to demonstrate respect for the flag and the United States.

Next week our focus will change to science. We'll be learning about what science is, what scientists do, and about how they use their five senses to make observations. We'll conduct some scientific investigations involving magnifying glasses, objects from nature, magnets, wind, and color (Science SOL 1.1).

Green Folder

Please check the contents of your child's green folder every day. Remove all completed work and notices. Put it back in the back pack to return the next day. If you have notes or papers for the teacher, put them in the green folder. Part of your child's morning job is to take the green folder out of the book bag, look for notes or papers, and put the empty folder in his/her desk.

Special HJB Homework Folder

The colorful HJB homework folder will normally be sent home on Friday. Record the titles of the books your child has read during the week and return the reading log in the HJB Homework Folder the following Friday. You may use a combination of reading to complete the homework: your child reads to you, you read a book to your child, or you do a shared reading. If you are working on a chapter book, each chapter counts as a book.

Important Dates in September

20-24 - Week of PALS testing

24 - PTO Sock Hop 7:00-9:00 pm

27 - PTO Fundraiser begins

29 - PTO Movie Day "Legend of the Guardians"

